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SUBJECT: GENERAL YOGA'S NEW YORK VISIT, APRIL 22-25

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SUMMARY: AT NEW YORK MEETINGS APRIL 23 AND 24, GEN. YOGA STRESSED INDONESIA'S NEED FOR CONTINUED U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY IN FORM LIGHT INFANTRY WEAPONS. THIS ASSISTANCE REQUIRED IN ORDER MEET PREDICTABLY HEIGHTENED TEMPO COMMUNIST SUBVERSION EFFORTS FOLLOWING GAINS IN INDOCHINA. YOGA WANTED LEARN ABOUT US PUBLIC OPINION IN LIGHT LOSS OF CAMBODIA AND REVERSES IN VIETNAM. MOST SPECIFICALLY, HE WANTED TO BE ABLE EVALUATE FOR PRES. SUHARTO WHERE ON SCALE OF US FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES INDONESIA NOW MAY FALL. AMB. ROBERT MURPHY AND THE HONORABLE FRANK PACE IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS BOTH EXPRESSED FIRM CONVICTION THAT INDOCHINA REVERSES WILL NOT REPEAT NOT RESULT IN ERA US ISOLATIONISM LEADING TO END OF SUPPORT FOR FRIENDS LIKE INDONESIA WHICH USE MILITARY ASSISTANCE EFFECTIVELY AND WHICH WANT TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT. END SUMMARY.

1. GEN. YOGA, CHIEF OF BAKIN, INDONESIA'S STATE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION, MET SEPARATELY IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 23 AND 24 WITH AMB. ROBERT MURPHY AND THE HONORABLE FRANK PACE. COMING QUICKLY TO THE POINT, YOGA UNDERLINED VIEW THAT COMMUNIST GAINS IN CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM WILL ENCOURAGE SUBVERSION IN OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN AREAS. HE STRESSED THAT WINDFALL OF

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CAPTURED ARMS IN SOUTH VIETNAM HAS PROVIDED NEW SOURCE OF

WEAPONS FOR INFILTRATION BY COMMUNISTS INTO NEARBY AREAS. TO MEET THIS THREAT, INDONESIA WILL NEED CONTINUED US MILITARY MATERIEL ASSISTANCE. IF POSSIBLE, IN LARGER VOLUME THAN NOW. YOGA STATED NEED FOR LIGHT INFANTRY WEAPONS IN PARTICULAR. HE ESTIMATED UNDERGROUND COMMUNIST STRENGTH IN INDONESIA AT 1.5 MILLION.

2. AMB. MURPHY AND MR. PACE EXPRESSED FIRM CONVICTION THAT LOSS OF CAMBODIA AND MILITARY REVERSES IN VIETNAM WILL NOT REPEAT NOT RESULT IN ERA OF US ISOLATIONISM LEADING TO END OF US MATERIEL SUPPORT FOR FRIENDS LIKE INDONESIA WHICH USE THIS ASSISTANCE EFFECTIVELY AND WANT TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT. THEY RECOGNIZED KEY IMPORTANCE AND ROLE OF INDONESIA IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THEY BELIEVED YOGA'S MISSION TO SOUND OUT OPINION HERE AS TO EFFECT OF INDOCHINA REVERSES ON US FOREIGN POLICY TO BE MOST TIMELY IN VIEW EARLY SUMMER VISIT BY PRES. SUHARTO TO WASHINGTON. AMB. MURPHY STRESSED THAT US POWER REMAINS FUNDAMENTALLY INTACT. MR. PACE PREDICTED THAT THERE WILL BE LIVELY PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES IN THE LIGHT OF INDOCHINA UNTIL AFTER THE 1976 ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, MR. PACE STRESSED HIS VIEW THAT THE US ADMINISTRATION, AS EVIDENCED BY PRESIDENT FORD'S NEW ORLEANS SPEECH, WILL NOT ALLOW INDOCHINA TO DEFLECT THE U.S. FROM PURSUIT OF ITS KEY INTERESTS.

3. YOGA ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT PRES. SUHARTO PLANS CALL FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN JULY SUMMIT AFTER HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON. THIS SUMMIT WILL HAVE "QUIET" PURPOSE OF STIMULATING COMMON SPIRIT OF DEFENSE IN FACE OF HEIGHTENED EXTERNAL THREAT. YOGA BELIEVES THAILAND UNLIKELY MOUNT EFFECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST COMMUNIST SUBVERSION. HE CONSIDERS MALAYSIA ABLE MEET CURRENT LEVEL OF THREAT, BUT WERE THERE HEAVY INFILTRATION OF SUBVERSIVES AND WEAPONS FROM THAILAND, MALAYSIANS WOULD FACE DIFFICULT TASK AND PROBABLY NEED ASSISTANCE. HE UNDERLINED, TOO, THAT COMMUNIST-SUPPLIED ARMS HAVE BEEN FUELING REVOLT IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. WHILE YOGA DID NOT REPEAT NOT MENTION PORTUGUESE TIMOR, HIS PRESENTATION COVERED THE AREA INCORPORATING TIMOR.

4. CONVERSATIONS WERE OPEN AND CORDIAL. YOGA ACCOMPANIED BY
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INDONESIA'S CONSUL GENERAL RAMLY. USUN MISOFF ALSO PRESENT AT BOTH MEETINGS. YOGA GREATLY APPRECIATES AMB. NEWSOM'S SUGGESTION THAT HE MEET TWO SUCH DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS AS AMB. MURPHY AND MR. PACE, BOTH OF WHOM HAD VISITED INDONESIA IN RECENT YEARS. MR. BUNDY MUCH REGRETTED BEING OUT OF TOWN AND UNABLE RECEIVE GEN. YOGA.
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